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SUBJECT: CODEL RYAN

REF: STATE 57240

1. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WILL ACCOMPANY CONGRESSMAN LEO J. RYAN TO TUNIS ON THURSDAY, MARCH 30: MRS. PETTIS, CONGRESSMAN RICHARD NOLAN AND MRS. NOLAN, CONGRESSMAN FITHIAN, CONGRESSMAN JAMES CORMAN AND MRS. CORMAN. ALSO ACCOMPANYING THE GROUP WILL BE MR. JOHN CHAPMAN CHESTER (STAFF COORDINATOR) AND MRS. CHESTER, ONE ADDITIONAL STAFF MEMBER, AND TWO MILITARY ESCORTS.

2. CODEL RYAN WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO REQUEST HOTEL ROOMS IN TUNIS FOR NIGHT OF MARCH 30 AS FOLLOWS:
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FOUR DOUBLE ROOMS AND SIX SINGLES (ONE SINGLE TO SERVE AS CONTROL ROOM AND TO BE MANNED BY EMBASSY).

3. ARRIVAL STILL SCHEDULED AT 2:00 P.M. MARCH 30. CODEL WILL NEED TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL (SMALL BUS OR SEVERAL SEDANS, WHICHEVER IS LEAST

COSTLY).

4. CODEL RYAN DESIRES NOT TO HAVE MEETINGS ON AFTERNOON OF MARCH 30 PRIOR TO 7:00 P.M. CODEL WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR AND TUNISIAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. CODEL WILL LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS OF MEETINGS TO EMBASSY'S DISCRETION. CODEL WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR A PROGRAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CODEL WOULD STILL LIKE TO LEAVE FROM TUNIS AIRPORT AT 12:30 ON FRIDAY, MARCH 31, AND WILL REQUIRE SAME TRANSPORTATION ARRANGMENTS ON ITS DEPARTURE.

5. ABOVE LIST OF INDIVIDUALS IS BEST INFORMATION TO DATE. POSSIBILITY OTHERS MAY DECIDE TO TRAVEL WITH CODEL TO TUNIS, BUT THIS MAY NOT BE DECIDED UNTIL AFTER CODEL ARRIVES IN SICILY. IF THIS IS THE CASE, MAJOR RICHARDSON (ARMY) ESCORT WILL ADVISE EMBASSY FROM TAORMINA. DEPARTMENT WILL PURSUE WITH COMMITTEE FINAL LIST OF INDIVIDUALS GOING TO TUNIS BEFORE CODEL DEPARTS WASHINGTON. VANCE

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